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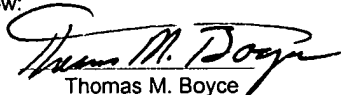
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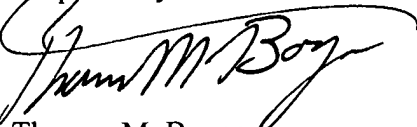
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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) An Amendment; and Response to Office Action dated August 14, 2001; and
- (2) A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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I. AMENDMENT
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II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 14, 2001

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Applicants respectfully submit a Response to the Official Action mailed August 14, 2001 (the "Action"). A response to the Action is due on November 14, 2001. No fees are believed due. However, should any fees be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10017654/TMB. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.